

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-18 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been editorially amended to more clearly define the claimed invention.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicants specifically state that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishinaga (U.S. Patent No. 6,476,410) in view of Meng et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,661,032) and Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 62-62568 (hereinafter "JP '568").

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 6-8 are allowed, and that claims 1-3 and 10-18 would be allowable if amended to overcome the Examiners' objection. Applicants submit, however, that all of the claims are allowable.

That is, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Ishinaga nor Udagawa (taken alone or in combination) teach or suggest that "*when said internal electrodes has a corner facing on another internal electrode, said corner is chamfered*", as recited in claim 5.

However, merely in an effort to speed prosecution, and to place the Application in condition for immediate allowance, Applicants have canceled claim 5, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-3, 6-8 and 10-18, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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